

SRC pushes purge of Society staff

by Wendy Jones

The Students' Society Structural Review Committee (SRC) will recommend a purge of some of the Society's highest-paid bureaucrats in a report to be tabled at tomorrow's council meeting.

The SRC completed its deliberations this weekend. As committee member Les Thiele said, "It's up to council now to take a stand."

The committee was set up by Students' council last fall to examine the structures of the Students' Society and to make recommendations concerning them to council.

The intention of council in creating the committee was to make Students' Society a more democratic and responsive organization.

A key proposal of the committee involves eliminating the managerial positions of executive director and program director, employees who presently earn a combined salary of almost \$70,000 a year. The tasks performed by these individuals would be transferred to elected student representatives.

The SRC is proposing that two additional vice presidents be elected each year to oversee the areas of services and administration.

The committee also recommends that a research officer be hired to provide the Society with information on political issues such as cutbacks in educational funding. The post would be a staff position, hopefully filled by a McGill graduate, at a salary of about

\$12,000 a year on a one to two-year contract.

According to the SRC plan, the saving in staff salaries would amount to almost \$50,000 a year, even after a proposed increase in honorarium for elected representatives.

In an attempt to maintain continuity in the organization, the SRC is proposing that the additional vice presidents be elected in November to serve a January-to-January term. The remaining Students' Society officers would be elected during regular campus-wide elections, in March.

In addition, the SRC is recommending that Students' council itself be restructured to provide more equitable representation. Some of the proposed changes include:

- Eliminating two of the three club representatives to council, as well as the residence rep, and the student representatives from the Senate and the Board of Governors;

- Creating a committee system to increase the involvement of councillors in the organization;

- Electing a vice president (communications) from among council members to provide an information link between Students' Society and the students.

"These aren't such radical changes. They've been talked about for years," Thiele said.

"But now the talk is becoming action. It's basically just an attempt to increase student participation and allow democracy a chance to breathe."

Thiele believes that the

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Schussing down McTavish is today's featured Winter Carnival event. And speaking of events, our own Debating Union team of Joseph Pollender and Marcel Mongeon placed fourth at the World Debating championships in Toronto this weekend.

Non-smokers people too

by Daniel Chonchol

This year could mark the start of a trend, which would see Quebec smokers being asked to butt out more and more often. Quebec Minister of the Environment Marcel Léger has come up with a new bill which will restrict the right of this province's smokers to light up in selected public places.

Léger made public his intention last Friday at a press conference organized by the Montreal-based environment protection group STOP. The conference was held at the minister's Montreal office.

The minister revealed that he has just sent the bill to the Comité Ministériel Permanent du Développement Social

(CMPDS), a cabinet subcommittee which examines all bills emanating from social affairs ministries prior to their presentation to the full cabinet.

Léger believes that he will be able to table the bill in the National Assembly before the end of the year.

STOP's Research Director Bruce Walker expressed his satisfaction with this initiative, saying, "This is the strongest commitment that Mr. Léger or any other minister has made regarding the rights of non-smokers."

The minister stressed that "smokers will not lose their right to smoke...all we want is for non-smokers to have a right to clean air in specified public places."

"We must not infringe on anyone's freedoms, but it's important to remember that a person's freedom ends where the freedoms of those around him begin," he added.

Léger admitted that many details of the proposed legislation must still be hammered out in committee. It is still not certain which public places will fall within the scope of the law, nor has it been decided whether smoking in public places will be prohibited or merely restricted to certain designated areas. As well, the exact form of penal sanctions for non-compliance with the law has yet to be determined.

Previous attempts at legislating non-smokers' rights have met with little success in Canada. Bills with that intent have died on the order table in

Alberta, British Columbia and in Parliament. In Québec, a private members' bill introduced by Liberal MNA Harry Blank has bitten the dust three times.

At present, the only legislative protection afforded non-smokers comes from municipal by-laws. Only one municipality in Québec, the township of Aylmer, has enacted such measures.

Asked why it has taken his ministry so long to act in the matter (the Quebec Advisory Council on the Environment recommended provincial legislation in 1979), Léger replied that he wanted to be sure that public opinion was on his side before going ahead.

Léger claims to have recently received "sociological data" which indicates that a majority of Quebecers would support smoking restrictions in public places. This data, he says, convinced him that now is the right time to act.

Léger responded to doubts expressed about the enforceability of the projected legislation by saying, "Of course, you will always have people who disobey a law. But we feel that the mere existence of this law will have a beneficial effect; it will at least make people more aware of the problem."

According to the minister, the fact that Premier René Lévesque, whose nicotine addiction has been well documented, has indicated that he can put up with the law means that "any other citizen can too."

Mock UN:

"Terrorists" admit to kidnapping

by Kip Tetley-Jarvis

A group devoid of political ideology and with even less in the brains department has claimed responsibility for the abduction Thursday night of the American delegate to the mock United Nations general assembly.

An unidentified member of the as yet unnamed (see contest page 13) "terrorist" brigade phoned the *Daily* office Friday afternoon to respond to allegations that the delegate was beaten about the head.

"He wasn't beaten, ok? Nobody was hurt at all," the caller claimed. "He wasn't touched practically."

Lawrence Zlatkin, the ab-

ductee, said, "No, I wasn't hurt except I was punched in the face and my nose was gushing with blood."

Zlatkin said that while he was being carried to Royal Victoria College in a canvas bag, one of his abductors punched the bag. This was the telling blow.

"It was definitely intentional," said Zlatkin.

The unidentified spokesperson for the group of twelve, allegedly all male, said, "I'm not sure of how he was hurt. In no way did we want to hurt him. I believe he grabbed one of the guys by the hair and I suppose a push might have done it."

Both Zlatkin and his abductors agreed that the delegate's

wallet was not stolen and Zlatkin recovered it immediately after his release.

"My wallet was on the hall floor (fifth floor RVC) but I don't know how it got there."

After forcing their way into RVC via a back door, Zlatkin was taken by elevator to the fifth floor of RVC and placed in a garbage can for about half an hour, until his captors fled to continue their mirth-making with a panty raid.

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After leaving Leacock,

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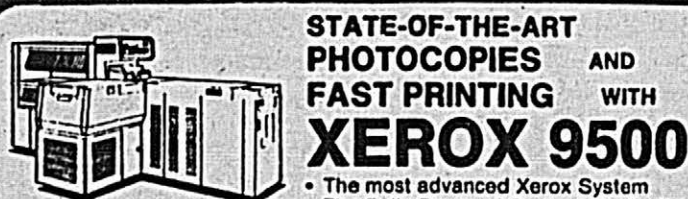
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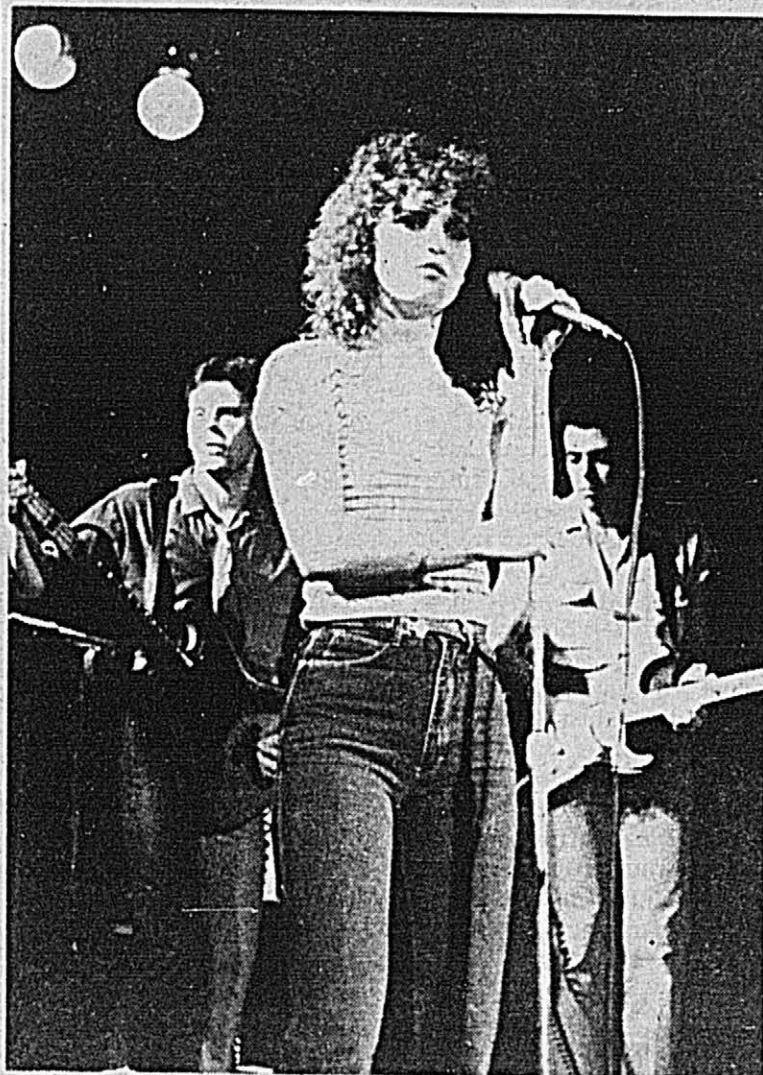
It's all fine and good to talk about disarmament, but what does the military think of it?

McGill students will have the chance to address this question Wednesday, when the International Law Society (ILS) presents a panel discussion on "Canada's Contribution to Western Security and International Peacekeeping Efforts." In an endeavour to present differing perspectives, the law students have invited representatives of the military, the ministry of external affairs, and a pro-disarmament group to take part.

"Our aim is not so much to promote disarmament as to bring out different viewpoints on Canada's foreign policy, and its contribution to peacekeeping," said Stephen Toope of the ILS.

The three members of the panel will be Brigadier General C.E. Beattie, Director General Policy Planning, Department of National Defence; Simmond Wade, of the Defence Relations Division of External Affairs; and Murray Thompson, who heads the disarmament group Project Ploughshares.

Wednesday's panel discussion, which begins at 7:30 in the Law Faculty's Moot Court, is the first of a two-part series on international conflict that the ILS is sponsoring. Part two, entitled "Canada's Economic Role in Conflict Avoidance", will be held on Thursday, February 18.



The Flyers performed at a Cerebral Palsy benefit concert Friday night at the Union Ballroom. It was all part of Carnival Week.

Carnival kicks off

With the onset of the second Ice Age after three snow-less winters, the prophets say that the 1982 Winter Carnival will be the winteriest one in years.

With a full schedule of events until this Saturday (and a post-carnival dance with Streetheart one week from Saturday) the carnival's penguin mascot will be the focus of the merriment.

The week-long team competition, WINGS (Waikiki International Native Games), will pit

teams from different faculties, departments, clubs, fraternities, residences, and encounter groups in a battle for lucre, loot and record-setting challenges.

Carnival will also feature movies, a comedy night, pizza and spaghetti dinners, and a variety of bands, including Bobby Cramer and the Features, Straight Lines and Streetheart.

Carnival started off with fireworks on Friday and will run through February 6th.

UN study

Guns destroy jobs

by Adam Kahane

Defence industries employ a lot of people. Does that mean we should encourage them?

A major United Nations study has been completed which discredits the notion that military spending is economically healthy. The Thorsson Report, prepared after three years of work under Inga Thorsson by the UN Committee on Disarmament and Development, concludes that more jobs can be created by investment in the production of civilian goods.

The difficulty of converting war industries to other production was discussed Saturday at the McGill Project Ploughshares Peace School.

"The Thorsson Report may have made conversion seem easier than it really is," said Clyde Sanger, Canadian correspondent for the Manchester Guardian and author of the popular version of the report.

"This conversion would be different from the demobilization after the Second World War, where industries were only returning to normal. For today's defence industries, military products are the norm."

Sanger spoke of unions at the British companies Spar Aerospace and Vickers Industries which prepared detailed plans for the production of "socially useful" goods in place of military vehicles and aircraft.

"The companies responded that the workers were intruding on management prerogative," said Sanger. "Some of the design engineers were transferred and others

were sacked."

Canadian government programs encourage conversion in the other direction, claim peace researchers. Dorothy Rosenberg, a Project Ploughshares activist, says "Bata Shoes, which made boots for the American Army during the Vietnam War, moved into armament manufacture after seeing Canadian government promotion of defence production."

The three per cent increase in military spending agreed to by NATO members does not encourage a move away from war production.

"Large scale conversion of war industries is a lengthy process," he said. "Bipartisan support is needed to effect ten- to fifteen-year plans."

The Thorsson Report deals at length with increased military expenditures of third world countries, which have risen 4.5 to 16 per cent of the global total in the last twenty years. Coupled with rising energy costs, population increases and large international debts, the Report concludes such expenditure is holding back economic development.

The Thorsson committee, made up of government experts from 27 countries, refrained from attributing blame for third world arms buildup. The Report requests wider dissemination of information on military spending to the UN and recommends that national governments publicize the benefits of reallocation of military expenditure and production.

Torture, death await refugees fleeing El Salvador

OTTAWA (CUP) — Refugees driven from El Salvador by clashes between the ruling military junta and liberation forces are facing torture and death in neighbouring Honduras, say members of parliament who completed a week-long tour of the area January 24.

Progressive Conservative MP Joseph Reid, Liberal Warren Allmand and New Democrat Dan Heap travelled through the Central American nation with Meyer Brownstone, national chairperson of the international development agency, OXFAM-Canada.

There are now 200,000 refugees in the Central American region, who have fled increasing violence as Salvadorean national guard troops battle the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), the broad-based coalition challenging the rule of President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

The delegation said 20,000 of the refugees are in the Honduras area, where their main

fear is security. The preliminary report submitted by the group to External Affairs minister Mark MacGuigan, says that interviews with refugees and workers with refugee agencies "confirm many cases in which Salvadorean troops and ORDEN (the para-military group) have crossed the border into Honduras without resistance, to kidnap, torture and kill refugees in camps and in homes in Honduran villages."

The report also cites cases of "harassment, torture and murder by Honduran troops against Salvadorean refugees — this in addition to cases where Honduran troops stood by or ignored attacks by Salvadorean military in Honduras territory." Honduran peasants who help and members of support agencies also risk attacks.

Brownstone and the MPs met with MacGuigan January 27, to discuss their findings on the tour and Canadian involvement in the Salvadorean upheaval.

"Mr. MacGuigan was supportive and sympathetic," said Brownstone after the talks. "On the question of security (for refugees) he was prepared to explore with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees and the government of Honduras the points we raised in our report."

The delegation returned with unanimous condemnation for the upcoming elections in El Salvador, which have the approval of the federal government. The United States has endorsed the elections, but France and Mexico have publicly criticized them.

Although their position on the Salvadorean elections was not included in their preliminary report, the delegation members outlined their concern at a press conference before the MacGuigan meeting. They said government muscle in El Salvador is discouraging opposition and should be tempered before uninhibited voting takes place. Canada's

support for the elections should be withdrawn, they said.

After presenting their views to MacGuigan, Brownstone said, "the position of the Canadian government is that it does not interfere with elections per se, and that (the election) is an internal matter." Brownstone said he understood MacGuigan's position to be that while the government would not involve itself in debate over whether elections should be held at this time, it would be prepared to participate in balloting procedures if they were held.

In 1981 Canada had a quota of 1,000 Latin American immigrants, but this was "nowhere near filled," according to Spadina MP Dan Heap. The delegation said that the Honduran official responsible for processing people wishing to come to Canada was not aware the quota existed, or that it was not being met.

But the group said there are hurdles for Salvadorean refugees to overcome if they

wish to travel to Canada. Currently the nearest Canadian immigration office is in Mexico City, where only two Canadian officials are available to screen applicants in the region.

"At present they have to get to Mexico City, and in Mexico City they may have to support themselves for six months while they wait in line," said Heap.

Brownstone said MacGuigan promised he would try to increase the staff at the office in Mexico City, but the minister said Canada could not easily locate an office closer to the refugees. According to Brownstone, MacGuigan had said the United Nations refugee commission usually guides refugee channels, and so far the ministry has not received a UN request for more Canadian immigration officers.

The delegation has also recommended that Canadian volunteer organizations and the federal government increase their funding support for the region's relief agencies.

Ethics a challenge to medicine

by Louise Fabiani

Modern medicine - especially in its more technical realms - is on the threshold of some of the greatest advances in history, and it is where a system of ethics has its most challenges, according to Dr. David Roy.

Roy, head of the Centre for Bio-ethics in Montréal, gave a speech Wednesday evening sponsored by the Medical Ethics Club.

Ethics may be traced back to the infrastructure of ancient Greek medicine.

Socrates and other Greek philosophers considered the framework of medicine to be analogous to the political system of society so they modelled their own ethical system on it. They hoped to do for the mind what medicine did for the body.

Roy broke down medicine into the aspects which the Greeks recognized.

The practice of medicine draws on, and is similar to, philosophy in that the former involves reasoning and a system of values.

Applying scientific knowledge, medicine lapses into the liberal arts; doctors literally "liberate" the patient from "enslavement to immediate gratification". That, in turn, permits transcendence from the vulnerabilities of the body.

In addition, an elite forms in the profession because there is a grouping of the individuals and a common striving for excellence. A sense of superiority arises from this elite which the layman usually finds distasteful.

But Roy believes people in-

side and outside the field benefit from the formation of an elite because it fosters aspirations to high quality performance in all professions.

He added that one of the dangers of socialized medicine is that it diminishes the rather elevated role of the physician in the society, making him "just another nine-to-five". This ultimately has repercussions in the standards of medical care.

Roy divided medical professionals into two categories based on their attitudes toward the patient. He made a distinction between so-called "free doctors" and "slave doctors".

The first seeks to "free the patient from ignorance" by explaining the patient's condition to him or her.

The second attitude, however, likens the unwell person to a malfunctioning machine whose components require re-adjustment. The means the physician employs are kept secret from the patient.

Roy touched upon other points that emerge from the study of Greek medicine, such as the relatively strong ideological role of the environment.

Their treatment of disease was intimately associated with the concepts of harmony and balance. Health was regarded in terms of two key ideas: wholeness (interdependence, cohesion) and proportion (suitability).

SRC report...

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Students' Society bureaucracy has become "top heavy" over the years and has now "fallen over."

The SRC will bring its recommendations to council in the form of a new draft constitution. According to Thiele, Council will be meeting every week instead of every two weeks in an attempt to have all the constitutional changes ready to go to referendum in March.



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TAs at SFU brace for cuts

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Simon Fraser University officials said January 20 there will be no significant reduction in TAships offered next year — despite the proposed \$100,000 reduction in next year's salary budget. But the TA union is unconvinced.

In a meeting to discuss the impact of the reductions with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU), the officials said they hoped to implement the cuts through "discouraging" split and part-time TAships.

But union officials are not convinced the University can cover the deficit simply by reducing the part-time and split positions.

Bob Wiseman, staff coordinator of the TA local, said that the cutbacks represent

more than 30 positions, about 150 base units, and there seems to be no way the University can cut back on the TA salary simply by discouraging the split and part-time TAships. Wiseman also said the University was already discouraging them, and that it was not a new policy.

Another tactic the University proposes is to drop the smaller tutorials and then re-allocate the students into other classes. Wiseman said this tactic would result in more split TAships and therefore would not be effective in reducing the base units spent.

TSSU president Ann Burger called the cutbacks "ridiculous" and said the biggest losers in the cutbacks would be the students. Students will be asked to pay more for less services and bigger tutorials.

"These actions can only result in a serious decline in the quality of education provided, and make the university more elitist," she said.

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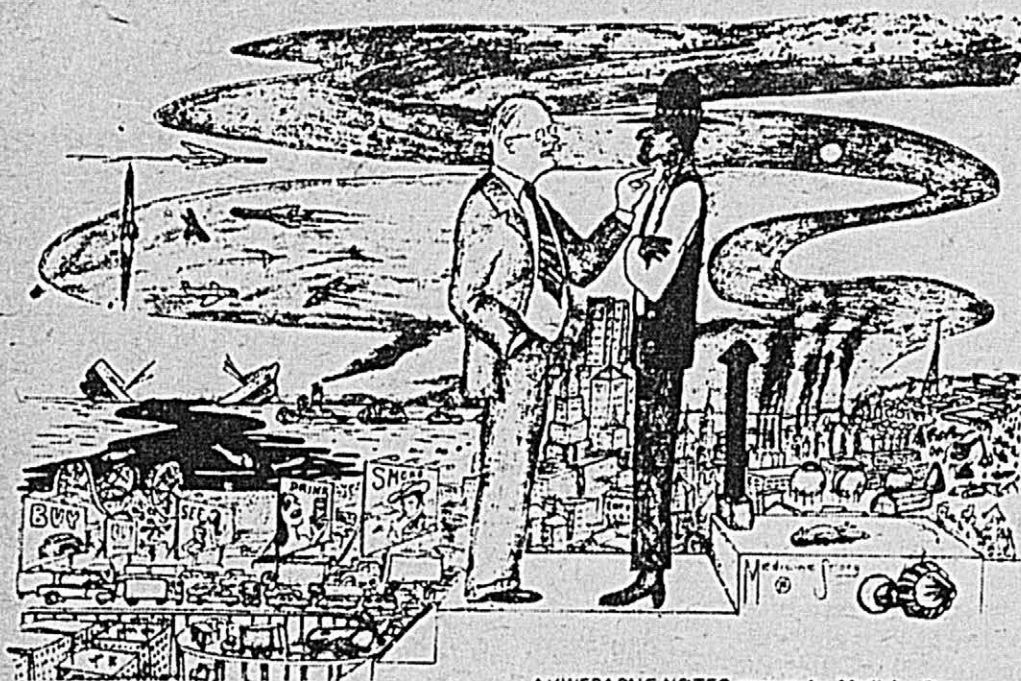
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Concordia riot report

Iranian student resigns in protest

MONTREAL (CUP)--The president of the Iranian Students' Association at Concordia University has resigned, protesting what he says are inaccuracies and false accusations in a university report on a January clash between opposing Iranian factions.

"The type of accusations that were made are unbelievable," said Ali Arlani of the report submitted to the university administration by project manager Jim Harford.

According to the report, Arlani was "deeply involved" in both the January disruption, which saw seven persons injured and one arrested for possession of a dangerous weapon, and in a similar disruption last August. "The information on Arlani in this report is downright dangerous," said Glen Murray, co-president of the Concordia University Students' Association.

Before learning of the resignation, Harford had hoped to contact Arlani in an attempt to clear up any inaccuracies. "I may have been off-base in some of my interpretations," said Harford.

But Arlani was unaware of Harford's concern. "I've been in my office all day," said Arlani January 25, the day the report was released. "He wouldn't have been trying that hard to reach me."

Both Arlani and Murray see the document as another blow to the already tenuous situation facing international students.

"They missed the entire point of the problem," said Murray. "The report should have showed concern for the problems faced by international students. This administration is just not concerned at all."

Attempts by the government to discredit international students in Canada, rising differential fees and cancelled visas were cited by Murray as areas in

need of study.

While the question of possible involvement by the Iranian Embassy in Ottawa was brought up by some observers of the incident, it is not addressed in the report.

Instead, the report recommends changes in Concordia's policies that could have altered the outcome of events at the University's main building January 4.

Harford's submission says the presidents of organizations

responsible for future room bookings should approve their use, and the Concordia director of security should be authorized to call the city police for reinforcement before violence breaks out.

"I can see further confrontations as long as we maintain the same kind of policies for foreign students," said Murray. "It's a problem the University deserves to have because of the way it has been acting."

Solar houses zapped

VANCOUVER (CUP) — While students at the University of British Columbia are attempting to cope with a severe housing shortage, the university's former housing director Mike Davis authorized the destruction of two solar houses in early December.

Architect Charles Haynes, who designed the two houses, said in December the demolition was part of the university's overall plan to clear the area and put in high cost housing.

"Had they (the houses) remained they would have demonstrated the viability of low cost, solar housing," said Haynes. And the resident's association president, Gail Bexton, said January 6 she hated to see the houses destroyed because they had great potential for use.

"It's just a complete loss. It was the politics that got in there and we would have liked to have had them developed," said Bexton. "Unfortunately, the houses were left too long."

She added the houses were neglected and fell into disrepair when the project was phased out which made them a hazard to children playing in the area. Acting housing director Mary

Flores agreed the houses were dangerous.

"They were horrid and they were far from completion. They were a danger to the community," said Flores who denied the demolition was part of a plan to rebuild high cost housing in the area.

Kidnapped delegate not amused

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Zlatkin said he tried punching his way out of the bag and screaming for help.

Besides Thursday night's dinner, Zlatkin lost his belt, which was taken by one of the terrorists and will be returned, the spokesperson said.

It was this point, stripped of the only viable means of suspending his trousers, that Zlatkin began to fret.

"They made some lewd and obscene remarks and that's what really got me frightened," he said.

The spokesperson had harsh words for the putative hero of the hour, Colin MacGregor.

"What MacGregor said was bullshit. He was thrown in the snow three times, not attacked," he said.

In the search for a motive,

Indians push for northern province

TORONTO (CUP)--Canada's Dene nation is proposing a new constitutional venture for the north, pushing for the creation of Denendeh, a province-like jurisdiction in the North West Territories.

George Erasmus, president of the Dene, told a University of Toronto audience January 14 that the 18,000 Dene people, mainly status and non-status Indians and Metis in the McKenzie River Valley, feel they are part of another country, "where someone else is making the decisions for you."

According to Erasmus, the Dene people want a northern state, where the aboriginal people would be "sovereign within our own land," enjoying an equality relationship to other provinces. They would end sales of public land within the area, while respecting land already privately owned.

The proposal for Denendeh, thought by the nation to be the only effective way to enhance the Dene way of life while not compromising the rights of other Canadians, includes a charter providing legally-enforceable guarantees for:

- The building of social, education and health service institutions with government funding, reflecting the Dene values.

- Official language status for Dene languages, as well as English.

- Orienting environmental laws towards the traditional Dene outlook on their relationship with the environment.

- Ensuring that resource development projects directly reflect the well-being of the Dene people, not just profit for developers.

- An economic system that protects the traditional Dene

economy.

"I've never been able to get it through my head why it is in the interests of Canada to keep native people impoverished," said Erasmus.

Insisting that the Dene have been shut out of decisions that affect their lives, Erasmus pointed to the recent federal government approval of Bill C-48 as an example. The legislation set the stage for construction of a pipeline through the McKenzie Valley.

"The north," said Erasmus, "has been defined as Canadian land." But he said the recent "fiasco" with the Canadian constitution served as "a reminder that we don't play an important role in Canadian society."

"Northern Canada had no representation at that decision," he said, although it included agreements "on how to carve up the north."

"The Dene just want what's rightfully theirs," said John Olthius, a lawyer for the Dene nation who spoke the day before at a U of T lecture.

"The creation of Denendeh would protect these people against assimilation," he said.

Olthius said the Trudeau government's 1969 white paper on Indian affairs was "a blatant attempt to extinguish an entire nation of people." The Dene people led a fight that saw the federal Liberals abandon the paper's viewpoint two years later.

Erasmus said natives must show Canadians a single leader, combined with unified positions in their push for aboriginal rights.

"With a unified front, aboriginal rights could be guaranteed."

besides the advancement of low comedy, the spokesperson made allusions to his group's impersonation of a "Lebanese organization."

"Since (Libyan leader Muammar) Khaddafy wanted to kill Reagan, we thought it would be funny if we took the U.S. delegate," the spokesperson said.

"We were going to take the Israeli guy but he wasn't there. And we didn't want to take a girl (the other U.S. delegate was a female)."

Like MacGregor, Zlatkin was appalled by the fact no campus security official saw the kidnappers.

"I can't fathom why no security officials saw this," he said. "I was dragged across campus and down Sherbrooke. It wasn't a most ordinary

sight."

Zlatkin said that when he reported the incident to campus security he was treated with little compassion. He is planning to submit a letter today to Principal Johnston, in which he will decry the lack of security on campus.

Despite his tender nose, Zlatkin does not plan to bring any form of disciplinary proceedings against his captors. Zlatkin said he had no idea of who his abductors were.

For their part, the Dirty Dozen is feeling contrite.

"Certainly apologies are due to Larry," the spokesperson said.

He could not understand the uproar over the abduction. "Engineers steal buses," he said. "This was half the size of that."

Daily Sports

Martlets better than ever

by Bobby Katz

How 'bout them Redmen? That's about all you've been hearing about this year from the *Daily*. Well, the time has come for all of us to say "How 'bout them Martlets?"

The basketball Marts are doing fine to say the least. They are the number six ranked women's basketball team in the country and that is something to brag about.

Their combined record of 18 wins and five losses is also bragging material. Still, the Martlets' QUAA record is another aspect of what looks to be Coach Hubert Lacroix and company's finest season ever.

This year appears to be the one for the Martlets. The squad features eight returning veterans, two rookies and a "veteran rookie".

Who and what exactly is this "veteran rookie"? Her name is Linda Marquis and she was a three-year starter with the Université de Laval Rouge et Or. In those three seasons Marquis was one of the league's top scorers and was twice a QUAA All-Star.

Pretty impressive credentials, right?

Marquis wasn't prepared to rest on her laurels. She has fit right into the McGill system of play and presently is the Marts leading scorer with a GPA (game point average) of 13.9. Her clutch shooting and court coolness will be big pluses for the Marts as they enter into the dog days of their still-young QUAA season.

Marquis isn't the only reason the Martlets are doing so well this season. The greatest Kiss of them all, Annette, is back for her second season with McGill. Kiss, a former member of the Canadian Junior National Team, was McGill's leading scorer last season with a GPA of 12.4.

Kiss is even better than last year. Her shooting and rebounding have improved since last season and she has made herself into a better second year player. In the Martlets 23 games this season, Kiss is second in team scoring with a GPA of 13.0.

Also returning from last year's team is Karen Diaz. Diaz was a QUAA All-Star last season and her speed, ball-handling, and her ability to drive to the hoop give the Marts a most exciting fast-break offense.

The Marts are praying that Diaz can stay healthy for the duration of the season, because without their backcourt big gun, McGill's offence just isn't the same. So far this season Diaz has a GPA of 11.2 and is the headache of QUAA coaches for the third consecutive year.

Linda Schaapman is the other big girl on the boards for the Marts. Schaapman and Kiss seem to complement each other as far as rebounding is concerned. Schaapman was the Marts' MVP last season and is a co-captain this year.

McGill's career scoring and rebounding records are held by the 6'1" Schaapman. Her lifetime GPA of 12.4 and her lifetime GRA (game rebounding average) of 6.4 are impressive stats which she will further throughout the course of the season.

Three-year vet Marie-Josée Codere returns this season after a banner 1980-81 season in which she had a 9.1 GPA and moved up to seventh on the list of all-time leading Martlet scorers.

Also back for the female Red-and-Whites is the diminutive Annie Constantinides. Annie is great on the fast break and has great court sense in addition to a tremendous outside shot.

In their last QUAA game (as of printing) the Martlets completely decimated the Laval squad to the tune of 81 - 46. Their only QUAA conference defeat came at the hands of the number one ranked Bishop's Lady Gaiters.

Thus far this season the Marts have lost but five games. Three were to American Universities and the other two were to Bishop's.

Free-throws:

Annette Kiss was chosen the QUAA and CIAU athlete of the week for January 18-24 after she and the Martlets dumped the UQTR squad. Kiss was phenomenal as she scored 26 points, hauled in seven rebounds and did not commit a single turnover. Keep up the good play Annette...

The Martlets next home game is February 9, against the Concordia Stingers. Go get 'em girls...

tional touch. Kevin's play got the fast break going and the defence stopping. He finished with nine points and four rebounds.

My three star selections, not in any specific order, are Claude Briere, Vilhelm Boggild, Luigi Fraquelli, Ron Penston, Carlo Del Bosco, Willie Hinz, Kevin Soucie, Rick Rusk, Marc Adilman, and Tamas Peredy.

Redmen back on track, thus dominating the remainder of the game. Trois Rivières moved within four, 68-64, with seven minutes remaining, but a combination of inefficient and unclutch foul shooting by les Patriotes (18/30), and hearty defence on McGill's part ensured that four points was as close as Trois Rivières could and would get.

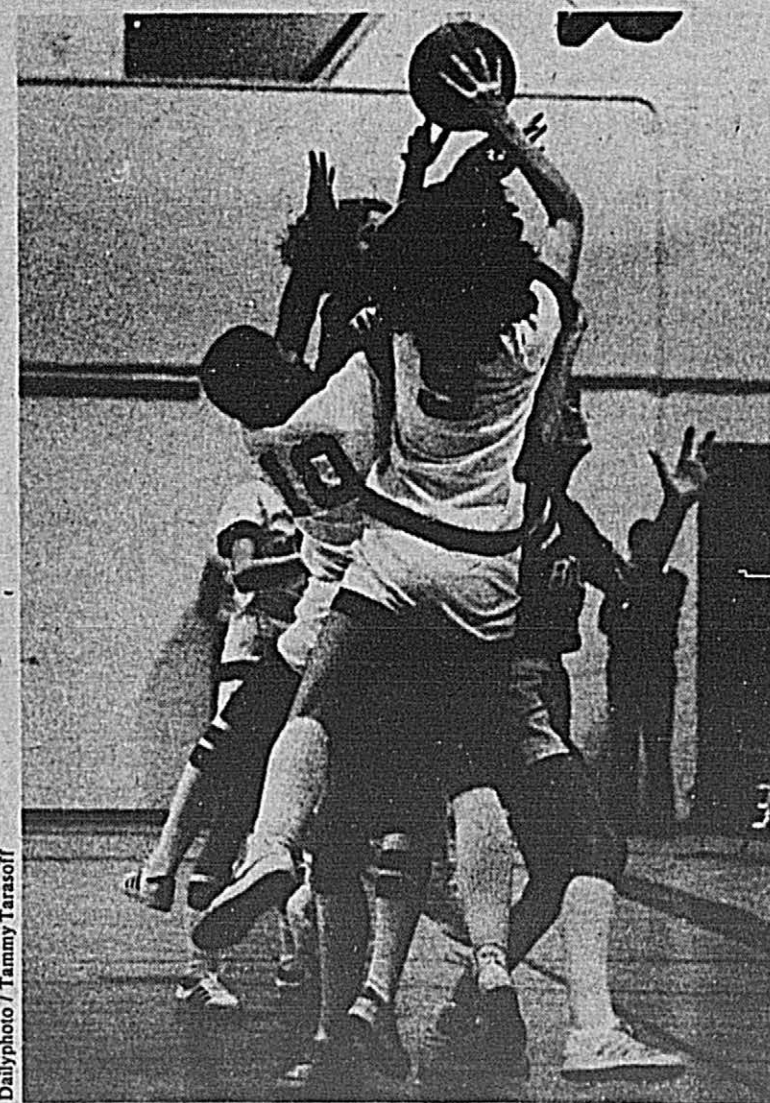
Watching the game one never got the feeling McGill was going to let it slip away. Winning by a comfortable five points, McGill is now in sole possession of second place.

McGill coach Butch Staples was extremely pleased with the team distribution of scoring, "seven guys with eight points or greater."

Rookie guard Claude Briere collected 14 points and continues to make things happen at both ends of the court. Forward Willie Hinz also finished with 14 points plus 9 rebounds. Ron Penston, last years QUAA terror, came off the bench in the second half to explode for ten extremely clutch points.

Forward Carlo Del Bosco (see attached photo) playing unconscious in the first half ended up with ten fearless points. Guard Vilhelm Boggild who shot six for eight from the field and hit 'em when they counted finished with fourteen points as well. If Vilhelm continues to shoot like this pretty soon they'll be calling him V.B. It might even be contagious, as forward Tamas Peredy went four for four from the line. Rick Rusk continues to play like the Rick of old, finishing with 8 points and a thunderous 14 rebounds, nine of them defensive.

But the big story comes out of the play of Kevin Soucie. On paper his game was nothing more than average but on the court his play was excellent. Kevin's rugged and aggressive style was the perfect inspira-



TEAM STANDINGS as of Jan. 30, 1982

	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts
Concordia	4	3	1	296	295	6
McGill Redmen	4	2	2	296	297	4
Bishop's	5	2	3	373	359	4
UQTR Patriotes	5	2	3	360	374	4

Redmen do it to UQTR, 83-78

by Mel Timmy

At the start of the season the McGill Redmen lost a squeaker to the Université du Québec a Trois Rivières (les Patriotes) at the Currie gymnasium. But on the road in Trois Rivières on Friday night where McGill was impressive as they beat les Patriotes by a score of 83-78.

"The team had the right spirit and intensity coming into the game," is what McGill assistant coach Eddie Pomykala said after the game, and it's about time.

McGill for the first time all season played a solid forty minutes of basketball, "in their gym and at their game", remarked McGill forward Rick Rusk. Their game is running and McGill did an excellent job "of getting back on defence and therefore stopping Trois Rivières' fast-break."

McGill jumped off to an early lead, a good sign, but five minutes into the half the game was tied at ten.

Question: Why is tonight different from all other nights?

Answer: On this night the Redmen weren't scared at the beginning of the game, and it showed. Leading at the very outset and then tied at ten with fifteen minutes remaining one might expect McGill to lose themselves, but not tonight. On this night it was the Redmen who played with cool and on this night it was the opposition that was struggling with their offence.

McGill pulled ahead from the deadlock at ten and never looked back, leading by as much as eleven in the half, the Redmen went into the locker room with a comfortable nine point lead, 49-40.

The second half started off on a sloppy note, but luckily for McGill les Patriotes were doing the same. A McGill timeout three minutes into the half settled things down and put the



They're fishin' fer'm:

Montana to Als?

by Mel Timmy

Which Montana? Mickey, Mike, Morris, Mitch, Marvin, or Merrill. Nope. Joe Montana from the San Francisco 49'ers, this year's Super Bowl MVP.

I know it sounds crazy but that's what I hear from a confidential source. 'Syl', perhaps McGill's version of 'deep throat', tells me Skalbania is up to another one of his block buster moves.

But why? What does he expect to pay him with? The roof of the Olympic Stadium. What are we supposed to do with Ferragamo, make him the highest paid team doctor in the CFL?

It just doesn't make sense, I can see it now; "Joe Montana

drops back to pass...., he has an open man down field...., he releases...., ooh and it's intercepted....". Ouch that hurts.

Please Joe if you're out there reading this article, do the city a favour and don't come. Hey Joe don't take it personally, but if you come they'll have to raise the ticket prices even more, maybe fifty dollars for a 700 level seat, and there won't even be enough dough to go around to the other players. You'll end up having to pass to fifth and sixth rate receivers recruited directly from the CEGEP and high school leagues.

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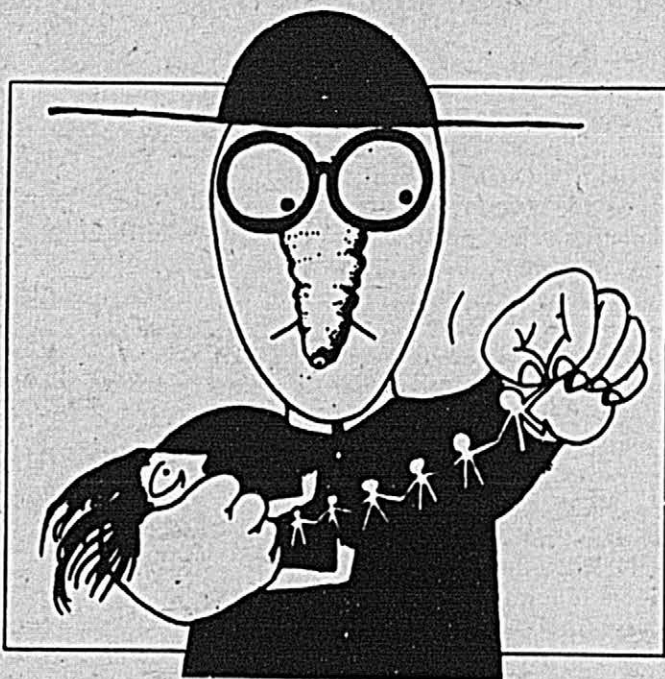
Hyde Park

Respect for life is not what makes a "right-to-lifer"

I am never quite sure what makes a pro-life person an anti-abortion person. Certainly it can't be respect for human life, when the morality of pro-lifers simply ignores some of the very basic needs confronting most of the world's population. If right-to-lifers were really concerned about life they would be out there even in front of the rest of us, protesting the policies of the fat cat countries and their propped-up regimes around the world, which quite deliberately starve or work to death everyone who isn't white and wearing a business suit.

Given this observation, it comes as no surprise that McGill New Agers, crusading towards the New Millennium, fail to notice much of the human suffering around them. Their elitist vision, where a few comfortable Caucasians (into pop-everything) can live in glass bubbles under the stars and rocket around the universe when bored with their plastic wrapped psyches, has a dark side.

The dark side, which for selling purposes, is never mentioned, is that their vision requires the world's human and non-human resources be harnessed for the glory of their little empire. Empires, be they spiritual or materialist, have always needed human fodder for their



armies, fields, mines and factories. Defending the rights of the fetus to develop its full potential as an enslaved human makes strategic sense — but for whom?

Maybe right-to-lifers aren't as diabolical as I paint them. Maybe they too would choose to use the 22 billion dollars that the governments around the world present expend on armaments every two weeks to convert the annual cost of providing food, health care, shelter, water, and education for everyone in the world. Maybe they do believe in the

sacredness of human life and the rest was just an oversight. Maybe they just fail to understand that raising children required immense social, psychological and economic resources both at the personal level and within the community. That poverty, unemployment, the structure of work, the basic organization of our society conspire against having the resources for raising children, never mind ourselves, in a way that we would find emotionally rewarding and satisfying. Maybe the awareness of pro-lifers is limited by their never

having had to provide these resources. Maybe they just don't realize the human investments required to transform a fetus into something that is recognizably human.

Making a decision to have an abortion is never easy. No woman reaches that decision in an offhand, casual manner. There are very deep and disconcerting issues about human life and how it should be conducted that the personal decision to have an abortion brings to mind. Women faced with making this decision exercise a responsibility to life, their own, as well as to the potential life that they engender; the responsibility of which at present, mostly, if not completely, falls on them.

Given the kind of world that we live in, where contraceptives are often hazardous as well as frequently fail, where we are not all gay or restrict ourselves to only oral sex or abstinence, taking responsibility for life sometimes entails some very difficult choices. To punish women for making such a choice, as the anti-abortionist forces would have it, is simply hypocritical. In comparison, most men are spared or can avoid dealing with the issues involved, and to make matters worse are socialized to show little if any concern about life, or

the dilemmas that people are often exposed.

To illustrate, my godmother survived Auschwitz. Her children and husband did not. In the displaced persons' camps, while awaiting a chance to come to Canada, she met a man, remarried, and had a child. After three years of waiting she and her new husband were permitted to immigrate with their one child. Unfortunately, she discovered that she was pregnant with another child and that this would be cause to have their status as eligible immigrants cancelled. She sought a back-room abortion, developed an infection, fever and started to hemorrhage soon after. She walked to the hospital and collapsed, close to death. She lived to tell me the story some 25 years later.

My mother's best friend, in quite similar circumstances, after swallowing some pills of unknown composition, given to her by another abortionist, did not.

We should unmask the moral sanctimoniousness and sentimentality of the new right, new age, anti-abortion campaigners for what it really is — moral blindness. For those who have eyes, let them see.

Joel Kraiden

McGill New Age fights threats to our minds and bodies

It is rather curious to be tried and labelled without even a single inquiry. If Mike Kropveld or Keith Hennessey sincerely wished to find out about McGill New Age Club, they could have come to one of our meetings or at least contacted one of our members before making such unwarranted remarks in *The McGill Daily* last Thursday. But truth is often clouded by misunderstanding, and thus for those with yet an open mind, some light deserves to be shed on the activities of McGill New Age. First of all, the term, 'new age' as an adjective increasingly used, has the connotation of a 'new concept'. What does it mean?

Everyone is somewhat aware of accelerating technological changes, the information explosion, pollution problems, nuclear bombs proliferation, international economic crisis, increased break-ups of the family nucleus, rising abortion rate, increasing mechanization of education and a decreasing capacity of medicine and psychology to cope with quasi-epidemics of cancer, degenerative and depressive diseases, threatening our minds and bodies.

That these conditions can set the stage for the "latter days" or the "threshold of a new age" is dawning on the awareness of for hope?

The still small voice within will tell us yes.

For we are the generation that is and will be creating our society in the coming shaky years. We are the seeds of future hope. We can find solutions to personal and planetary problems because we have not even tapped the potential within us and the solutions are within.

Many people hold the vision of a 'new age', of a potential transformation of society, more and more persons in this latter part of the twentieth century: the end is the beginning and we are definitely at a transition stage that is like 10 Protestant Reformations and Industrial Revolutions all rolled into one and all taking place in a single generation.

Which generation? Our generation! What should and can we of this generation, therefore, do in the face of somewhat bleak future prospects? Give up on life and its promises and drop out and off of society's tightrope? Get ourselves obliviously high on drugs or seek distraction or escape through sex, cultish rock groups and punkish fads of protest? Embrace with half-hearted faith vague marxist or existential ideologies? Compromise our moral integrity and somewhat higher aspirations and jump on to the mad, money-making roller coaster which our mass

media programs us for? Run away to the country where life is yet sane and cling to a grassroots refuge amid threat of impending world disaster, leaving the city-dweller to fight battle against the shadows of war? Must we passively accept the 1984 Orwellian nightmare already looming on the horizon? Can we yet find, in the face of all pessimistic realities, positive alternatives and room beginning with the transformation of the individual, of a healing of the nations through the healing of our own spirit, of a rediscovery of the true concept of man based on the supremacy of this spirit, of a return to true community (come-into-unity) based on shared exemplars of a respect for life and for Mother Nature, of true freedom and democracy, and a search for genuine, and not band-aid solutions to world problems of inflation, totalitarianism and threats of war. As a little known French intellectual Mounier once wrote, "It is not force which makes revolutions, it is light."

This is the orientation which underlies McGill New Age Club, an open assortment of persons who are concerned but not fatalistic, spiritual but not dogmatic, and who are FOR life, and the (w)holistic healing and not the deterioration, of our bodies, minds and souls.

As a group, we are in the embryonic stage and are most open to suggestions as to what we might do to expose the truth behind contemporary issues and to find ways to stay balanced on society's tightrope, without it becoming a tight rope around our lives and our dreams.

Last semester, we had a presentation on the ethical, scientific and spiritual issues underlying abortion, and on the positive/negative effects of various types of music and rhythm on our energies. As part of the first presentation, we used a pro-life drama done by Montessori International, an accredited and innovative school founded by Elizabeth Clare Prophet and directed by Elizabeth Caspari, the successor to the famous Italian educator. We also presented Mrs. Prophet's taped lecture on "The Science of Rhythm" as part of our second presentation, as we found it to be a unique and informative study of both the healing and the destructive potential of music. Despite Kropveld's personal and justifiable crusade against cults, to apply this label to such a dynamic lecturer and educator as Mrs. Prophet is bordering on the ridiculous. An authoress of many books on self-transcendence, and many in-depth studies of issues, ranging from education to economics,

this is a person whose message is self-growth, through the liberation of the spirit and through an enhanced awareness of contemporary issues and is well worth "investigating".

This semester, the tentative plans of the McGill New Age Club is to have presentations on nutrition and holistic health (our bodies), on Kirlian photography and its implications (our minds), and a historical survey of the great sages and saints, east and west (our spirit). We extend a warm invitation to all interested persons (including Mike Kropveld and Keith Hennessey) to come with your ideas and your curiosity to explore the meaning, value and purpose of 'new age' alternatives.

Francis Reda
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Today

Canadian Studies Seminar
Professor John Graham, Dalhousie University, will speak on "Equalization and Canadian Federalism", at 4:00 pm in Arts Council Room (A160). For info call Dr. John Bradbury, Geography Department 392-4718.

Music For Fun
Rehearsal in Union 310, 5:00-7:00. Everyone welcome, especially Dixieland drummer & bassist.

Savoy Society
Rehearsal at 7:00 in Union B01.

Jewish Student Centre
Watch Elliot Gould, Carroll O'Connor, Martin Sheen, Mordecai Ben David and more on video during lunch (11:30-2:00 pm) and dinner (5:00-7:00 pm), at the "Spice of Life" Kosher Cafeteria, 3429 Peel.

McGill Rowing Club
Meeting of all members 8:00 pm in the C.O.T.C. lounge of the Currie Gym.

Attendance is mandatory.
McGill Outing Club
Sign up for Cross-Country Ski Instructional Weekend No. 2, Thurs. Feb 4th - Sat. Feb 6th (evening departure and return). For beginners or intermediates; equipment, food, lodging, transportation by bus supplied. Instruction, day cook-outs, fun. Payment (\$23; \$26 with ski rental) and sign-up at final info meeting, Tues., Feb. 2nd, 7:30 pm Stewart room S1/3, or at our booth in Union lobby, between 11-2 or at our office Union 407 or phone Michael Kary 937-4330 or 392-8953.

New Democratic Party of McGill
There is a general meeting of all regular members of NDP McGill in Union 107/108 beginning at 5:00. Anyone else interested in NDP McGill is especially welcome.

Montreal Citizens Movement (MCM)
Will hold an organization meeting at the

Downtown YMCA, 1450 Stanley, room 213, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 pm. Mr. Arnold Bennett, former city councillor, will attend. For info call 849-7170 or 524-5455.

Society for Dialogue in Educational Issues
Presents a film "Mainstreaming". Animator: Karen Hulme of Mackay Centre, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m. rm 129, Education Building. Free. For info 392-8811.

Presbyterian-United Chaplaincy
Invites all students to our worshipping community every week at 7:30 pm at the United Theological College, 3521 University (Lower Lounge). For more information call Reverend Chris Ferguson at 392-5890 or 845-3398.

Sticks and Stones
By James Reaney opens Feb. 9 and continues until Feb. 20, at Moyse Hall, Arts

Free Recitals

At 4 pm: Student piano duo from the University of Ottawa, Susan Elias and Judy Ginsberg, play Mozart, Dvorak and Fauré duets. 8 pm: McGill Opera Studio presents A Concert of Operatic Arias. In the Recital Hall, 555 Sherbrooke W.

Building. Showtimes: Tues. through Sat., 8 pm. Tickets \$3.50 at Student Union Box Office and at the door. For reservations call 392-4997, 2-5 p.m. Hillel "Relationships, Family, Bonds". The second in our Inter-marriage series, at 7:00 pm, 3460 Stanley.

Disabled suffer government under funding

HAMILTON (CUP) -- A proposed program to help the disabled at McMaster University could become another fatality of government underfunding.

The recently released report by the university's Presidential Advisory and Coordinating Committee on the disabled recommends that McMaster allocate \$50,000 each year to improve access for the disabled to academic and service buildings. Because of underfun-

ding, residences and buildings used for social or recreational services could not be altered, according to the report.

The report recommends that alternative sources of funding are necessary. Because of "shrinking university resources, many things which appear desirable may not be possible due to financial constraints," the report states.

Reflecting pessimism about the availability of alternate fun-

ding the report states that McMaster should "continue to search for possible new external funds and that the university face squarely the likelihood that it will, for the foreseeable future, have to finance any improved services for the disabled from its conventional resources."

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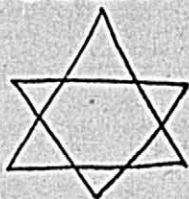


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A skeptic is a person who, when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it is a forgery.
Morris Bender

Students' Society

Pay the babysitter

If nothing else, the Students' Society's Structural Review Committee (SRC) has proven that critical examination and evaluation can come from within existing structures. What remains to be seen, however, is if any constructive change will come of its recommendations. (See story, page 1).

A product of student discontent, the SRC was set up by Students' Council to examine and evaluate the structures of the Students' Society and to make recommendations concerning those structures. Some people (most notably the top three managerial employees) have accused the committee of bias because of the manner in which it was set up. At the time, Council saw fit to include the wording "whereas Council believes that Students' Society structures are undemocratic and unresponsive" in the resolution establishing the committee. Yet, it is obvious to even the casual observer that these are the very characteristics of the Society which demand attention.

Understandably the managers are defensive; any criticism of the Students' Society reflects heavily upon them because they have been, and continue to be, the core of the organization. Since the Society was resurrected from trusteeship five years ago, it has been guided by their planning. To a large extent, Executive Director Ron Lerman has been responsible for saving the business operations from financial morass. No doubt they have been working in good faith for the benefit of the Society. And yet, something is wrong.

It has become increasingly clear that McGill's student government does everything but represent students. Not because of some bureaucratic plot to seize power, but simply because the majority of students are not plugged into the political process. Students don't know what is going on and they don't know how to get involved. Just under 3,000 students voted in the election that gave Liz Norman a job, and probably half the students reading this paper don't know what that job is (she is president of the Society).

The problem, then, is to get students to participate in their government. The logical first step would be to set up structures which provide for greater student input into the Society.

It only makes sense that a student government is run by students. What we have now resembles a corporation run by efficient and well-paid managers at a cost to students of almost \$100,000 a year. The managers, we are told, provide continuity. They are a resource, an expensive resource perhaps, but one that is knowledgeable of the task at hand.

But what exactly is that task? What is the purpose of student government? What is Students' Society and what should it be? These are just some of the questions that the SRC has wrestled with.

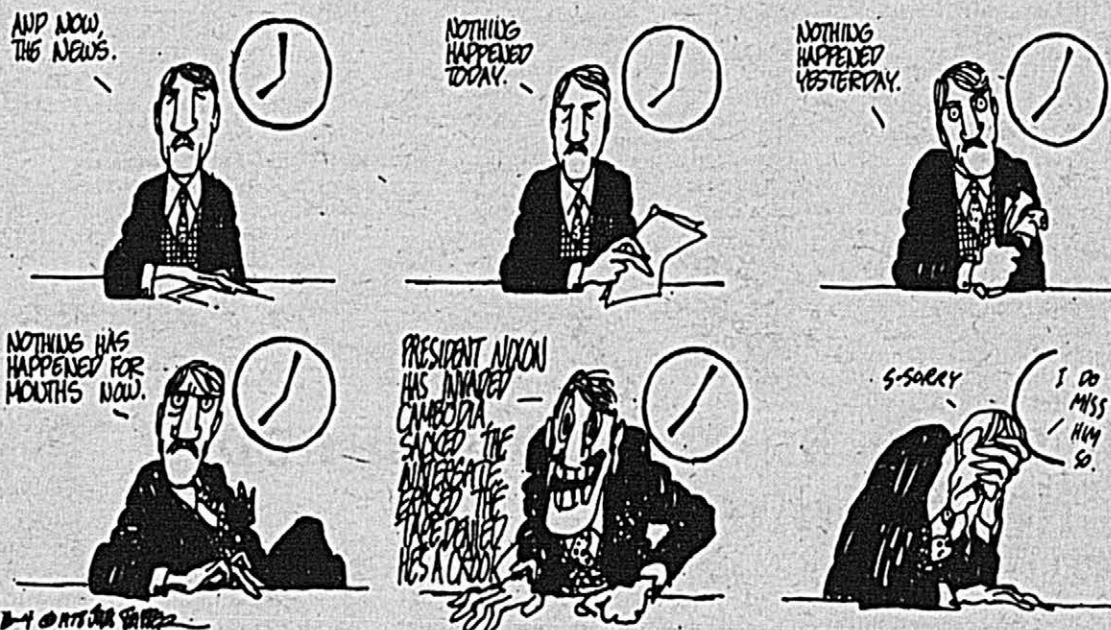
It appears that the SRC members believe student government should represent students, instead of merely providing services for students. The managers succeeded in making Gertrude's a profitable business and they even kept the price of beer down. They brought health food and smoked meat to campus. But is this what student government is all about?

Anyone who has attended Council meetings in the last two years can attest to the inordinate amount of time spent deciding where to put vending machines and other sundry business details. Business operations are important because they provide the dollars and cents for other student-related activities. But what good is the hard cash when the priorities are misplaced?

As one SRC member so aptly put it, "Students' Society is not a growth organization." Tell that to someone who is paid \$40,000 a year to manage an organization. No executives of that caliber are going to sit around waiting for students to tell them what to do. Nor should they. The fact is that managerial staff have no place in student government. In particular, the positions of the executive director and the program director could easily be filled by students and office staff. The time is right to remove this top-heavy bureaucracy that only succeeds in perpetuating itself.

The SRC has come up with some of the most progressive and far-reaching proposals of any Students' Society body. The radical nature of their proposals revolves around one central theme--that it's time to give Students' Society back to the students. On the financial side, we've had five good years since trusteeship; five years to prove that students can govern themselves responsibly. It's time to pay the babysitters and send them home.

Wendy Jones
Brahm Pascal Resnik



Great moments in Tee Vee

Letters

Leave Yank alone

To the Daily:

Many pranks begin with the best of intentions. However, when participants transcend the boundaries of decency, and disregard the welfare of their fellow students, what begins as a joke, can end with serious, harmful results.

This week, we staged a model United Nations General Assembly attended by over fifty students on two consecutive nights. For drama's sake, another group of about ten students took it upon themselves, to perform a mock terrorist kidnapping of one of the delegates to the Assembly. The performance was well-executed, funny, and surprised us all.

But the "terrorists" went overboard: after leaving Leacock 219 they dragged the delegate across campus, took and damaged some of his personal property, and, most important of all, physically assaulted him. Such behavior is deplorable, and dangerous. The students at the Assembly voted almost unanimously in support of this letter condemning the excess.

Oh behalf of everyone who took part in the model U.N., may we express our anger towards those who chose to cast this black shadow upon the whole enterprise, and may we extend our deepest regrets to the victim.

José Campino, Ph.D.1
President Model U.N.G.A.
David Goldberg, Ph.D.2
Under-Secretary
Gregor MacKinnon, U1
Secretary-General
Jo-Anne Velin, U3
President, PSSA

We did it!

To the Daily:

L.C.E.M.G.A.D.P.L.M. (la ligue contre l'envahissement du mauvais gout American dans les pays libres du monde) accepte toute responsabilité pour l'enlèvement du délégué American (au conférence d'imitation des Nations Unies). Hors du Québec - les bigs macs, les skateboards et les topsiders !! Vive le bon gout traditionnel.

L.C.E.M.G.L.A.D.P.L.M.
Comité Centrale
Montréal

No, we did it!

To the Daily:

We of the Friends of Iran Liberation Support Committee claim total responsibility for the abduction of one of the two American delegates to the mock United Nations assembly last Thursday night. This symbolic gesture, which Ms. Jo-Anne Velin - yet another unsuspecting puppet of U.S. socio-economic-cultural imperialism - pretends to disregard as a "great prank"

was executed in order to bring attention to the exclusion of Iranian delegates to what was truly a mock imitation of a real life exercise in international theatrics.

This continuing piece of theatre is "unified" only in the sense that the lines are all pre-directed by that bastion of economic imperialism to the south. The delegate's wallet and belt were not stolen but were donated to the struggle, in recognition of the fact that "Force is the midwife of every old society pregnant with a new one", and that further acts such as this are necessary in order to establish a new consciousness in the mind of the public as to the contradictions inherent in the present state of American socio-economic imperialism.

"Sakhtina Edameh Khahad Dashet!"

F.I.L.S.C.

No, no...

To the Daily:
We did it.

McGill El Salvador Support Committee

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Feature

It has been a long five years

by G. Pierre Goad

"We are now living in a quasi-fascist state."

The latest pronouncement from a third world liberation group? The utterings of an expatriate Soviet-bloc dissident? No.

These words were spoken by Carol Zimmerman, university graduate and leader of Québec for All, an anglo-Québécois rights group which formed in October of last year. Certainly not the first group formed to fight for the rights of Québec's minorities, these 600 to 1,000 angry anglos have attracted a great deal of attention in the English media here in Montreal.

Since the election of the Parti Québécois in 1976, a plethora of interest, grassroots and political action groups and associations have formed and more often than not dissolved with only a few newspaper clippings to show for their efforts.

Starting in the fall of 1981 a new phase in the evolution of anglo-Québécois political activism began.

A coalition named Alliance

On December 3, 1981, a full-page advertisement ran in seven different daily newspapers in Québec. A declaration of rights for "English-speaking Québécois", the advertisement was signed by representatives of leading English institutions and groups, including the principal of McGill University, David Johnston, as well as presidents of teachers' unions, various ethnic associations, and mayors of some West Island municipalities.

The advertisement featured a small coupon for those wishing to donate time or money, placed in the bottom right hand corner of the page. Fifteen thousand people responded. Thirty thousand dollars was sent to the Coalition of English-speaking Québécois, the umbrella group which had run the ad. This is the kind of response that other advertisers only dream about.

The Coalition proved to have a short life. It dissolved and was replaced by Alliance Quebec six weeks after the advertisement appeared. Alliance Quebec also replaced the Council for Quebec Minorities, a resource and interest group funded primarily by the federal government.

Editorialists have not been unsympathetic to the minority cause, and in fact the French press has presented a more thoughtful and reasoned analysis of the English-speaking minority 'problem' than the English media outlets. Even avowed separatists seem at minimum receptive to what may result from the grassroots organization Alliance Québec seeks to become.

The English media, in particular the Gazette, has emphasized the alleged discrimination and lack of rights minorities of the English-speaking persuasion face in the new Québec. The French media has put more emphasis on the more important and underlying question of how minorities fit into the vision of Québec espoused by the PQ and, at least to some extent, shared by the majority of francophones who voted the party into office.

There will never be a better time to try and effect a rapprochement between the two solitudes. A recent poll of Québec anglos conducted for the CBC showed that a fifth of the anglo-Québécois

population felt comfortable and participated in the "French-Canadian" culture. That still leaves eight hundred thousand anglophones who feel at least somewhat alienated from mainstream Québec.

"Full participation in society, equal access to employment, and the right to..."

The declaration of rights published by the Coalition in its December 3 ad is certainly a starting point for discussion. Full participation in society, equal access to employment, and the right to control English institutions like schools and hospitals, as well as receive government services and information in English, are all reasonable demands for a minority of one million persons. The right to post bilingual signs is a particular thorn in the side of many anglo-Québécois and is often held up as an example of the government's insensitivity. It is certain that the very public and very publicized removal of other languages from public signage played a part in the mobilization of the new anglo militants.

French Québécois have had for many years spokesmen, heroes, intellectual gurus and the like to articulate their needs and explain their position and demands to the English majority which lives in the rest of Canada. English Québécois, an island within the island of Québec, have always looked to the federal and provincial Liberals to make their case and guard their position. With only fifteen percent of those polled by the CBC favouring the continued reign of Claude Ryan as head of the Québec Liberal Party, and Pierre Trudeau busy with bigger things now that the BNA act is coming home, there is a vacuum.

I'll take the high road

The statisticians tell us that some anglos have articulated their needs and desires by casting the (overplayed) 401 vote. The road to Ontario is not paved with gold, as all the Torontonians living in Alberta will tell you.

Others, like Carol Zimmerman and her followers, get mad. The fact that they are remaining in Québec and are willing to contribute, despite the negative reviews their somewhat unorthodox methods receive, is an encouraging sign. Their willingness to claim a place in Québécois society is far more courageous than putting the furniture in a moving van and escaping.

It is interesting to note that Carol Zimmerman signed the Coalition of English-speaking Québécois ad, but is not part of Alliance Québec, unlike most of the other co-signatories. It would seem that Québec for All's activities would not fit in with the more reasoned and moderate approach of Alliance.

Not so suddenly at all

The emergence of Alliance Quebec seems very sudden. In reality the plan for the new umbrella group was put into motion well over six months ago when some of the leading lights of the anglo "movement" began working on what came to be known as the Faulkner report. Dr. John Simms told the annual meeting of the Positive Action Committee late in 1981 that the common front

might be called "Alliance of Québécois for an Open Society". Alex Paterson, board member of Alliance Quebec and chairman of Positive Action was openly proposing a common front last summer. On December 2 he said, "We're not go-

ing to spend our time any more making lofty recommendations to the government."

William Johnson, Québec correspondent for the Globe and Mail said after the Coalition's declaration appeared that it was timid and that it was time for more action and a harder stance in defence of rights by anglos. Jean-Pierre Proulx of Le Devoir said the Coalition was guilty of an "indécence manifeste à l'égard de la majorité au Québec". M. Proulx is not quite as hard on the Coalition's child, Alliance Quebec. Writing in a January 20 editorial, two days after the group's first press conference, he stated, "Si Alliance Québec veut être pris au sérieux, il doit faire l'effort d'élaborer une problématique qui tienne compte de toute la réalité Québécoise."

An official minority

The Council of Québec Minorities received almost all of its funding from the federal government. Under the Secretary of State's Official Language

form the feds and hope for an increase in their budget. The provincial government also provides proportionally much smaller sums to "cultural communities".

Alliance Québec will have three main roles; ombudsman, service/resource, and lobbyist. Two types of membership chapters will select delegates who will form the General Council and meet to decide on policy and elect a thirty member Board of Directors and an Executive. For the moment, Eric Maldoff and Jeffrey Chambers, formerly President and Director General of the Council of Minorities respectively, will perform the same function for Alliance Québec.

The Board of Directors includes many of the signatories of the declaration of rights published by the Coalition of English-speaking Québécois. The two types of membership chapters will be service associations, representing institutions, unions, and the like; and district associations representing grass-roots organizations from different areas like the Eastern Townships or the Gaspé. As such there will be no direct individual membership in Alliance Québec.

The \$30,000 received in response to the Coalition's ad was used to pay for the ads and to set up a computerized list of those who expressed an interest in helping set up a new group. The Alliance will use these names as the basis for setting up the grassroots district associations which will form the backbone of any sort of effective lobbying force.

"They have a linguistic commonality which should not be mistaken for homogeneity."

Minority Group program about half a million dollars flowed into Québec. The lowest per capita funding for such a minority group, according to Bill



The first policy convention is slated for early spring. The first General Council will consider a report being prepared by a group in the charge of Dr. Russell Breen, vice-rector of Concordia University and president of the Alliance's political commission. This "document du travail" should be ready by mid-March.

A waiting game

In some senses it is still very much a waiting game for Québec's anglophone minority, a wildly diverse group of about a million people who are less anglo than they are un-French. They have a linguistic commonality which should not be mistaken for homogeneity.

Lise Bissonette, commenting on the CBC anglo poll, wrote in Le Devoir last week that, "Certes, le sondage révèle... les larges variations d'attitude selon l'âge, le statut social, la région, la capacité d'adaptation. Il souligne les difficultés, la confusion d'une période de transition."

This is not the time for nostalgia about the way things once were or speculation about the way things might have been. If Alliance Quebec can succeed in articulating the legitimate needs and desires of the unfrench and conveying them to the provincial government, it will have succeeded where others have stumbled and failed.

Then again, if the economic situation does not improve we may all end up in Calgary anyways, whether we like it here or not.

Brooks, communications director for Alliance Québec. The new umbrella group expects the same type of grant

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